

LOK SABHA

Thursday, April 1, 1971/
Chaitra 11, 1893 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI K. BALATHANDAYUTHIAM
(Coimbatore)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

A. I. T. U. C. demand to improve
Industrial Relations

*67. DR. RANEN SEN : Will
the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT
AND REHABILITATION be pleased to
state :

(a) whether the All-India Trade Union
Congress has demanded disbandment of the
Indian Labour Conference and setting up
of a body with high Level representative
of all the Trade Union Centres, Employees'
Federations and Employees' Organisations
to work out a new basis for industrial rela-
tions in the country ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, EM-
PLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION
(SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. RANEN SEN : Is it known to the
Government that most of the central trade
union organisations are skeptical of the
National Labour Commission's recommenda-
tions and that the AITUC in particular has
written to the Government that the

recommendation on the National Labour
Conference, namely, setting up of tribunals
etc. is a time killing device, that the so-
called consensus evolved through the Indian
Labour Conference, the tripartite bodies, are
standing obstacles to the working class
movement and only helps the employers
and that the AITUC instead demanded
promotion by the Government of bipartite
negotiations between the employers and the
employees such as steel agreement, life in-
surance corporation employees agreement,
etc. and reorganise the Indian Labour Con-
ference in the best method possible to make
it useful ? If so, what is the Government's
reaction to that ?

MR. SPEAKER : The question should
elicit information, not pass on information to
the Minister.

DR. RANEN SEN : I am asking whether
the Government is aware of this or not.

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : We have
not received any communication from the
AITUC demanding the disbandment of the
Indian Labour Conference and setting up a
body with high level representatives of all
the trade unions. The hon. Member referred
to some sort of a communication. The
Labour Conference is a tripartite body.
Though at one stage in 1969 Mr. Dange,
their leader in the AITUC, dissociated himself
from the conference, since then AITUC has
participated on some committees. The main
question you have posed is whether in view
of the recommendations of the National
Labour Commission it would not be desirable
to make consultations more broadbased.
I would like to point out to the hon.
Member that we are in constant touch with
the labour leaders apart from the All-India
Trade Union Congress and other all-India
organisations. We would like to consult them
and prepare the ground. As the President